RECREATION INSTRUCTOR

DEFINITION

Under general supervision, is responsible for organizing and instructing recreational classes or activities at one or more recreational facilities; performs related duties as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK (Any one position may not include all of the duties listed, nor do the examples cover all of the duties that may be performed.)

Instructs program participants orally and by demonstration in the fundamentals, rules and techniques of a recreational specialty or several closely related specialties within one of the following major activity categories:

Arts and crafts - e.g., ceramics, macramé, sculpture, string and drawing arts, paper and leather crafts;

Performing arts - e.g., drama, dance, music, mime, voice and puppetry;

Physical activities - e.g., soccer, boxing, cheerleading, gymnastics, swimming and shuffleboard;

Domestic arts - e.g., cake decorating, cooking, baking and sewing;

Nature activities - e.g., outdoor cooking, hiking, fishing, camping and Indian crafts and lore;

Table and group games - e.g., charades, card and party games, bridge and chess;

Adventure recreation – e.g., archery, team-building, canoeing, and kayaking;

Environmental education - e.g., bird-watching, fossil digs, ecosystems, native animals;

Therapeutic recreation – aquatic fitness, wheel chair sports, occupational therapies (group or individual).

Plans, organizes and promotes classes or clinics to be instructed or conducted;

Requisitions supply, equipment and material needs for classes and clinics to be instructed or conducted;

Supervises program participants and takes necessary steps to insure that they adhere to standards of good conduct;

Maintains records and prepares reports;

May assist in planning, organizing, coordinating and conducting competitive activities and special events; may assist in officiating and/or judging various competitive activities.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Any combination of coursework, training, or experience in a recreational specialty that would provide the knowledge, skills, and abilities listed below.

Possession of a valid Water Safety Instruction Certificate is required for assignment to the aquatics program.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Some knowledge of the fundamentals, rules and techniques involved in and the basic skills required for participation in a recreational specialty or several closely related specialty; some knowledge of the objectives and methods used in the planning, organization, instruction and promotion of recreational activities; ability to work effectively with and motivate children, teenagers, adults and senior citizens, ability to plan, organize, promote and instruct at least one recreational specialty, ability to maintain records and prepare reports.

Probationary Period: 365 Days

Examination: Noncompetitive

Class Code: 3215

Job Family: Health & Social Services

EEO Job Category: Paraprofessional

Compensation Plan: AFSCME

Salary: Range OM-OM

Class established: 04-08-63 Current spec: 02-25-05 Commission action taken: Revise

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